

The undersigned MATTHEW A. HATCH,  
 County Clerk, do hereby certify that the  
 County Court of Macon County, to be holden  
 at the Court House, in the City of Decatur,  
 on the third Monday of August, A. D.  
 1877, being the first day of said term.  
 Witness my hand and the Seal of said  
 County, this 2nd day of A. D. 1877.

MATTHEW A. HATCH, Administrator.

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Saturday Evening, July 21.

LATEST reports from General Howard show that Joseph has probably played a very smart trick upon him. The big chief sent in an ambassador with a message to General Howard, proposing to surrender, go upon a reservation, and be a "good Indian." The General sent a favorable response, and it was understood Joseph would meet the United States troops at a certain point during the day and make his proper submission. Later it was discovered that all the Indians had left the vicinity. Joseph sent back word he had been compelled to go by White Bird and others, but he would certainly return on the following day. Those who have had experience in Indian tactics say that Joseph's proposition to surrender was only a ruse to gain time for making a safe retreat out of a precarious situation.

SOME of the Eastern states are devising methods of encouraging tree-planting. The Connecticut legislature has recently passed a law exempting from taxation all plantations of timber trees to be hereafter planted, for a period of ten years after such trees have grown to an average of six feet in height. In Massachusetts the society for promoting agriculture has offered a series of prizes for the encouragement of tree-planting in that state—the awards to be made in ten years from the first of March next, for the best results produced in the interval. Two prizes of \$250 each are offered for the best five thousand white ash trees and the best five acres of white pine raised from the seed. There are besides several prizes of \$100 and of \$75 each. These facts show that in the older states the severity of timber is already felt as a serious evil.

AN English journalist, after studying General Grant to his heart's content, reports: "I do not know any man who can be silent with equal effect. He has a stern, almost way of regarding an interlocutor which suggests that if his tongue were loosed he could rather astonish him with his eloquence. To a man who generally has an intermittent quiver of people waiting to be introduced, this is a valuable gift, as each man goes away with the impression that but for the crush, the General would have opened his heart and confided to him his views on current topics."

THE Edinburgh Scotsman of a late date, says: "It is understood it is likely General Grant will pay his promised visit at the time the channel fleet will be in the Clyde, and that, along with Mrs. Grant, his family and suite, he will reside for some days with the Lord Provost at his residence in Ayrshire. When the Lord Provost and Miss Bain were in America last year, they had the pleasure of an interview with the General, and invited him to visit the 'Land of Burns.'"

If anything were needed to prove to the president that his order to officeholders was a mistake, the unanimity with which the democratic papers endorse it ought to furnish the evidence. The democratic papers are in favor of the enforcement of this order simply because they know that it will weaken the republican party. There is no principle involved in the matter as far as they are concerned, and if the democratic party could be placed in power to-morrow, one of its first acts would be to blot out everything that President Hayes seems to look upon as "divisive service reform." The democrats endorse every move of the president that in their estimation tends to weaken or divide the republican party, and they are dead set against everything else he does or says. Under these circumstances, democratic approval is pretty good evidence that the president is not carrying out the best policy for the party which elected him and the country, which by a majority has declared in favor of republican principles and policies.—Bloomington Leader.

BETWEEN the 20th of July and the middle of August a large number of prominent democratic politicians will rendezvous at White Sulphur Springs, Va., and schemes are to be hatched whereby the country will hear more later on. About one hundred members of the next house and numerous party leaders from various parts of the country will be there.

A MAN was arrested at Hannopolis, Ill., for passing counterfeit silver coin on the 10th inst. He had succeeded in pushing off a great deal of the "queer" over the country, and had just completed a bargain with a man to shove it off for him when he was arrested. A large amount of the counterfeit money was captured of the denomination of ten, twenty-five and fifty cents.

## A BAD SOUTHERNER.

(From the Globe-Democrat.)

Ben. Wade has not been able to recognize himself to the President's policy, and though no doubt he would be the first one to deprecate attacking any importance to his individual opinion, it is impossible to resist the uncomfortable conviction that there must be a great many people who agree with him. He is neither an eccentric nor an extremist, as has often been represented; he is merely a man in whom conviction is strong and purpose set, and he represents a class and type of mind of high character. Any conviction which animates him will be pretty certain to influence a great many other people, and their dissent is all the more formidable because it represents a principle, and because it carries with it the influence which is always exercised, even unconsciously, by honesty and tenacity of purpose.

The President is in power; he has patronage to distribute, offices to bestow, influence to exert, and it is easy for the thrifty sycophants of power to throw their hats in the air and to bow their faces to the dust before him. We do not say that all of the President's supporters are such from selfish motives, but conspicuous among them are to be found men who have never been conspicuous for principle, and the contrast is sharply drawn between these men who "rise above party" and the sturdy republicans, of whom Ben. Wade is one, who are content to keep even with the party and to raise it always to their own level. Such men are none the less patriots for doing from their political conclusions must admire the bold and independent stand they have taken.

But from the practical point of view the consequences are likely to be very disastrous. A house divided against itself will fall, and the republican house is fairly divided on this question. We neither endorse nor uphold either side of the house in this division, but we are compelled to admit that the division exists, and that there is no hope of rectifying it before the October elections. The most sanguine republican is unable to claim that the President has converted any notable accession of the Democracy in Ohio by his policy, and it is impossible to deny that he has alienated a certain proportion of republicans; it would require a very small per centage of disaffection in that state to turn the measure majority the other way, and if anything has occurred to create this disaffection there is no time in the brief interval before the election to allay it.

In New York the situation is even worse than in Ohio. There, there is not only disaffection on account of the President's Southern policy, but on account of his civil service reform, and, instead of being merely rent in twain, the party is cut up into quarters. The feeling of which Ben. Wade is the exponent is quite strong in a state which did so much for the abolition cause as New York did, and the feeling which is represented by Ben. Butler is even more active. The reformers have captured some of the Federal offices and some of the committees; but the officials who have been forced off of the committees are not very sorry to notice that the loss of their influence and services will be severely felt, and the grim humor with which they will comply with the new rules by abstaining from politics during the next campaign does not promise well.

We should like to be able to prophesy soft things, but the situation does not admit of it, and we do not care to venture on predictions which will be belied within a few months. At the risk of being unpopular we are compelled to be truthful, and we prefer to meet the facts rather than to evade them, or even to gloss over disagreeable aspects of the situation. The democracy, not being troubled by any scruples, and rallies around its leaders with the unquestioning fidelity of a band of brigands, and with very much the same motives. As long as the booty is in plain sight, no one need expect hear of any dissensions among them, and though local factions hate each other heartily, they lay aside their hatreds on election day. We must admit that principles are sometimes very inconvenient, and that a party may at times get along better without them. But the republican party has not yet learned to dispense with them, and, in spite of the important results which depend on the fall elections, we can not help saying that it is better to be beaten as the result of honest dissensions on points of principle than to win through an unanimity which merely represents an abject and cowardly hunger for spoils.

NEW YORK has long been noted for disgraceful evasions of the law, but nothing was ever more disgraceful or more damaging to the municipal authorities of that city than the recent tricks and devices allowed to be put into operation to dodge the new liquor law. It forbids the selling of liquor save in inns or hotels, and another law defines as an inn to be place where not less than three beds are kept for the entertainment of lodger. Most of the saloons have put up apologies for beds, but several liquor sellers, as if to show their contempt alike for law and law-makers, have purchased toy beds, and exhibited them on the counter under glass cases, with the announcement that they have fully complied with the law. The liquor law may be a bad one, but that fact furnishes no excuse for its willful violation. The practice of such evasions with impunity begets a contempt for all law, and will certainly produce evil fruit.

Ladies, you can get spring shoes, at greatly reduced prices, at  
May 20 dwtf BARNES & BAKER'S

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BANKERS.

A case recently decided in the United States circuit court at New Orleans in which the Southern Express Company was the plaintiff, and the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, defendant, is of considerable importance to bankers and other large shippers of money by express.

This was a suit to collect express charges on money sent and undervalued. It seemed to have been a custom with the bank in forwarding money packages by express not to state the true value thereof, in order to save the difference in express charges. For instance, a package containing \$10,000 would be valued at \$1,000, and charges paid on the latter amount. This fact being discovered by the Southern Express Company, suit was instituted against the bank and judgment rendered in favor of the express company for \$12,500 costs. The bank contended that it had a right to value its money packages the same as ordinary freight packages, while the company insisted that the letter and spirit of the contract as well as the universal custom, now having the force of law, required a full and true statement of the contents of money packages, and payment of charges on every dollar shipped, that they have made very expensive arrangements for the safe conveyance of money, and were entitled to full compensation.

## A PLAN OF DEALING WITH PAUPERISM.

Dr. Holladay's "Nihilism Minus," in August Scribner.

I would like to see every charitable organization existing in this city, including my own enterprise, swept out of existence. I would like to see established in their place a single organization whose grand purpose it is to work a radical cure of pauperism. I would like to see the city government, which is directly responsible for more than half the pauperism we have, united in administration with the chosen representative of the benevolence of the city, in the working out of this grand cure. I would like to see the city divided into districts so small that, one man can hold in each, not only a register of every family living in it, but obtain and preserve a knowledge of each family's circumstances and character. I would have a labor bureau in each district, in connection with the local superintendents' office. I would have the record of every man and woman even more complete than any that has ever been made by your mercantile agencies. I would have such vagrancy as we have illustrated by the tramps and dead-beats who swarm about the city a sufficient crime for condemnation to hard labor in prisons and factories built for that purpose. I would have every helpless person understood where help in emergencies can always be had by a representation of facts. Temperance and intemperance should always be considerations in dealing with the poor. There is no limit to the benefits which such an organization as this would have the power to inaugurate and perpetuate, and gentlemen, I verily believe that under its faithful administration we could banish beggars from the streets and introduce a new era of prosperity and virtue among all the suffering poor.

## Relationship of Brain and Stomach.

Is a close one. They are connected by that wondrous elastic link, the sympathetic nerve, which communicates the abnormal sensations of the organ of digestion to that of thought. Now, if digestion is disordered, the brain, being the great focal part of the nervous system, all the nerves are in some degree affected. The main cause of nervous trouble is impaired digestion, and that is usually produced by weakness of the stomach. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters rectifies this, and overcomes nervous debility by infusing increased energy into the operation of the organs of nutrition. Through the agency of this beneficent tonic, not only are the nerves vitalized, but the entire organism acquires vigor and regularity.

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BALTIMORE, July 20.—10 p. m.—At this hour the excitement attending the terrible shooting by the 6th regiment is still fierce and the crowd on Baltimore street for several squares from South, each way, is increasing, rendering the sidewalks almost impassable in front of Middle police station. On North street, near the city hall, where most of the dead and wounded have been taken, the way is black with an excited mass, eager to learn the names of the unfortunate men. In the station are now lying eight dead bodies and two wounded.

The following are the names of the dead, as far as can be ascertained at present:

Thos. B. Byrnes, register of the 5th ward, shot in the head, killed instantly; aged 40 years. Wm. Morgan, news-boy, aged 14, shot in the head and instantly killed. Cornelius Murphy, aged 23, shot through the spinal column. James Rock, aged 25, laborer, dangerously wounded. George Kemp, aged 23, shot in the thigh while on his way home, seriously.

The widest rumors are afloat in regard to the number killed. One is, that a number of women were killed and borne off.

The depot at Camden Station is on fire, and it is said that the railroad office has been destroyed. The telegraph office has been destroyed, and all the Baltimore & Ohio wires have been cut.

## TELEGRAPHIC

STILL GROWING.

THE STRIKE STILL SPREADING.

RIOT IN THE STREETS OF BALTIMORE.

TROOPS HURRYING FORWARD.

The Situation in Ohio.

Latest Foreign News.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 20.—At 8 o'clock this evening Maj. Gen. R. M. Brinton, commanding the 1st Division National Guards of Pennsylvania, received the following dispatch:

You will move with your entire division, cavalry and artillery dismounted via Pennsylvania Railroad to Pittsburgh, reporting on your arrival to Maj. Gen. Pearson. Advise him and me of your departure from Philadelphia and your progress along the road. Ammunition will be furnished you at Harrisburg, and will be in charge of Geo. C. Kelley and Gen. Diven. The Pennsylvania Railroad will furnish transportation. [Signed]

J. W. LATTA, Adj. Gen.

Immediately upon the receipt of the above notices were sent to the various commands, and to-night the men are mustering at all the armories. The division includes the 1st, 2d, 3d and 6th Regiments, the Keystone Battery, City Troop, Black Hussars, Washington Grays, Wagoners, Pandemic, Legion of State and Gray Irregulars. These commands number about 2,000 men, but it is feared that not over 1,000 can be mustered to-night. Gen. Brinton has his headquarters at the League House, and is now receiving reports from various points.

The Pennsylvania road has made every arrangement here for carrying troops to Pittsburgh, and cars are waiting at the depot. It is not likely that the command will move before morning. Information received from West Philadelphia Depot this evening indicates that no strike of freight brakemen is anticipated on the Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. President Scott and other officials will remain at the depot all night. Mayor Stokely had a conversation with some of the freight conductors this afternoon, who stated that if there was no strike before midnight, there would be none.

PASCO, July 20.—The czarowitz's headquarters crossed at Yantra, yesterday, in preparation for an advance on the river Lorn, and investment of Rustchuk. Half of the fourth corps, numbering probably 12,500 men, will cross the Danube and advance towards the Balkans.

The 5th division of the ninth corps goes to Tirnova, and will also form part of the Balkan advance.

Hassan Pasha, commandant at Nicopolis, who is prisoner, had an interview with the czar to-day. He said when he capitulated his ammunition was all gone and he had been obliged to kill three soldiers with his own hand for leaving their duty.

PARIS, July 20.—It is known that two parties, one headed by Gortchakoff at the czar's headquarters, and one by Ignatieff. The former desires that matters be not pushed to extremes, but after a substantial success, Russia will impose under European guarantee, conditions freeing Christians from Turkish rule. The latter urge that a definite solution of the Eastern question be dictated at Constantinople, the condition being the cession of Kara, Balmum, and a portion of Bos-Arabia; the Dardanelles to be either opened or closed to every power, indiscriminately.

Turkey to be prohibited to preserve a fleet, and Bulgaria, Servia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, to be independent. Those who know exactly the state of things, say the supreme hour for the attempt at mediation has arrived, and that when once Ratschuk is in Russian hands, it will be too late to influence the czar in a pacific peace.

Athens, July 20.—Several bands of Turkish brigands have appeared in frontier provinces. The government has ordered an armed detachment to proceed thither.

RAGUSA, July 20.—Herzegovinian insurgents are marching to Banjarie to aid the Montenegrins.

BALTIMORE, July 20.—As the 6th regiment, Col. Clarence Peters, was marching from its armory along Baltimore street to Camden Station, to proceed to Cumberland, the regiment was stoned and fired into by a crowd on the streets. The regiment fired into the crowd, and a number were killed and wounded.

The confusion and excitement is so great, at present, that it is impossible to get at the facts now. Four dead bodies have been taken to Middle District Station, and a number of wounded, six or seven, to drug stores.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The President and Cabinet accepted in invitation to attend the exposition at Louisville, September 17, the anniversary of the adoption of the Federal constitution. The committee of the Exposition here say it is their purpose to invite the Governors of all the states.

Syndicate subscriptions to the new 4 percent loan, \$72,200,000, of which \$10,200,000 is from London. Total subscriptions, \$78,182,500.

At the cabinet meeting to-day the railroad troubles in West Virginia and Pennsylvania were discussed at some length, and various dispatches from Col. French, commanding United States troops at Martinsburg, were read. The secretary of war submitted reports from Gen. Ord to the effect that there are no new developments of the Rio Grande troubles, and giving a lengthy description of the nature of the country on both sides, the difficulties encountered in pursuing marauding parties, etc. No appointments of importance were agreed upon.

The President will leave here next Tuesday afternoon for Fort Monroe and, after a brief sojourn at that place, will visit several other places in Virginia. He will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Navy and one or two other members of the Cabinet. They will return to Washington about the latter part of the week.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Late last evening a meeting of the firemen and brakemen was held in Hornellesville, at the close of which a message was sent to the superintendent of the Erie railway, notifying him that the workmen on the western division had resolved to quit work at 1 o'clock this morning. The superintendent proceeded to Hornellesville, and found that the strikers had quit work. Simultaneously the switchmen at Salamanca quit work, and when Superintendent Beggs with a special train arrived at Salamanca, his engine was out of order and put in the engine house, and the strikers informed him that no engine or train would be allowed to pass Salamanca.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the strikers headed the superintendent a document in writing containing the following demands on behalf of firemen, brakemen, switchmen and trackmen, to-wit: That all men discharged for taking part in any meeting or going as a delegate to New York, shall be reinstated; brakemen to receive \$3.00 per day; switchmen, \$3.00; head switchmen, \$3.25; trackmen in yards, \$1.50 per day; trackmen on sections to receive \$1.40 per day and pay no rental on Company's grounds except on agreement; firemen to have the same pay, or rates of pay, as they received prior to July 1, 1877, and monthly passes to be continued the same as before, and passes to be issued to brakemen and switchmen. These demands were at once communicated to Receiver Jewett, at New York.

NEWARK, N. J., July 20.—The blockade of trains on the Baltimore & Ohio Road continues; no trains have left. A countryman attempted to fire an engine, but was thrown from it before he could start. This is the only instance of violence reported here. Several freight trains have been stopped. It is said that torpedoes have been placed on the track to intimidate the strikers. Only freight trains are molested. The strikers answered the Master Mechanist, who addressed them this morning, that they would go upon trains only when they get their demands. The reading of the list of demands, which included the following: That the railroad company should not employ any men who are not sympathetic with the strikers, but do not join them. Military aid has been demanded from the Governor.

COLUMBUS, O., July 20.—Gov. Young has called out four companies to suppress the Newark strikers. He has issued a proclamation commanding the strikers to desist from their lawlessness.

Base Ball.

Louisville, July 20.—Louisvilles, 3; Hartford, 8.

Chicago, July 20.—Chicago, 3; Stars, 5.

Cincinnati, July 20.—Cincinnati, 13; Boston, 11.

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**WHY STORES ARE EMPTY.**  
The fact of there being several unoccupied stores in the city, will doubtless have the effect to put a check upon the building of business houses, except in cases where merchants may build for their own accommodation. The fact of there being empty stores does not necessarily indicate a depression in trade, or a want of enterprise in the town, but rather that there are too many stores for our population. The people of the county require about so much in the line of supplies, and these requirements are met by means of depositories of merchandise, where the people go and procure what they need; and whenever there are more places furnishing goods to the people than can be sustained by the legitimate profits of the business, some of them must close. This is precisely the case here in Decatur—more business houses have been built than were really needed, as depositories of goods for the consumption of the people; and the consequence is, some of them must remain idle until called into use by an increasing demand for merchandise, occasioned by an increase of population. One good effect of a surplus of store buildings will be to reduce rents, which it is claimed have always been too high, and we have no doubt that within a year there will be a revival of business and increase of demand for articles used and consumed by the people which will require the occupation of the business houses now empty. To this end the attention and efforts of our citizens should be directed, by influencing the establishment among us of manufacturing, the operators of which will become consumers of merchandise.

**THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.**  
AT JAMES CHURCH,  
services will be held both morning and evening, at the usual hours, the pastor, R. V. J. R. Locke, officiating. Sunday school at 9 o'clock in the morning, and general prayer meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
There will be Divine Service at St. John's Church to-morrow, both morning and evening. Seats free.

**ROCKING HILL CHURCH.**  
Sunday school at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon, under the direction of Geo. P. Wessels, Sup't.

**FIRST M. E. CHURCH.**  
Preaching in the morning by the pastor on "The Law of the Sabbath."—Church School at 2 p. m., to which all are invited. At night the Young Men's Christian Association will conduct the services.

**STAFF'S CHURCH.**  
Services in the morning at 10½ o'clock. Subject, "The city of God." No service in the evening. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Services at the usual hour in the morning, the pastor officiating. Sunday school at 9 o'clock in the morning, under the direction of Mr. O. N. Bramble, superintendent.

**M. E. C. MEETINGS.**  
An open-air meeting will be held to-morrow evening, at five o'clock at the Central Depot. At night a Praise Meeting will be held at the 1st M. E. Church. A welcome is extended to all.

**Something for Smokers to Smoke.**  
A paragraph in an exchange says: A New York reporter has discovered that cigars are being made of cabbage leaves, brown paper, sun-dried leaves and cigar stumps, flavored with tobacco, vanilla and ammonia. It seems to us that this revelation completely dethrones the smoking friends of their standard arguments of the unhealthfulness of cigar smoking. We have always admitted the injuriousness of tobacco, but we can't go back on cabbage and sun-dried leaves and brown paper.

We hope this revelation as to the material of which cigars are made will not interfere with the gratification experienced by our smoking readers in puffing their Havanas.

Goods are being sold so cheap at "Our Drug Store" that it takes a good microscope to see the profits. Brushes, combs, perfumery, toilet articles and fancy goods are so cheap that every one makes a purchase and retires with a pleasant smile.

**Encouraging.**—An exchange offers a few suggestions in the following paragraph which are full of comfort, and while we extract lots of encouragement and cheer from them ourselves, we will not be selfish but give any of our readers who may need consolation in that line the benefit of the suggestions. Here they are.

There is one bright prospect for the coming winter for poor editors and poor people who are not editors, and that is the promise of an abundant crop of potatoes. The wet weather and the entire absence of the potato bug have conspired to give us promise of an abundant harvest, and with plenty of potatoes and something to grow them, there is little danger of starvation in our midst. Baked potatoes for breakfast, boiled potatoes for dinner and warmed-up potatoes for supper, form a bill of fare that will bid defiance to starvation, and make the beggar's eyes stick out with fatness.

**ANNOUNCED MEETING.**  
DECATUR, ILL., July 20, 1877.  
Present—Aldermen Barrett, Bramble, Kharman, Harpstrite, Harwood, Kuny, Nichols, Swearingen and Wayne.—Absent—Mayor Chambers and Ald. Muzzy.  
Ald. Harpstrite was chosen Acting Mayor.  
Permission was granted Mr. John T. Sweet to solicit orders (from samples) of the citizens of Decatur for gent's furnishing goods. A permit was also granted to J. L. Osborn to sell Dr. W. W. Hall's "Health of Home or Family Doctor."  
S. Burgess, city engineer, reported final estimate of the extension of arch culvert on East Main street near Priest's mill; D. C. Moffitt contractor: 128,032 brick at \$12.00 per thousand, \$1,536.38  
Less cash..... 600.00  
Balance due..... \$936.38  
Report received and warrant ordered issued for balance due.  
The city marshal made a report upon the charges made by Edward and Mary Frost against John Sutter, which entirely exonerates him. Report received and placed on file.  
The committee on public improvement reported back the resolution of Aldermen Swearingen, and recommend that a six-inch water main be laid on Morgan street from Eldorado street north to the corner of Corro Gordo street. Which report was adopted.  
The same committee made the following report, which was on motion, adopted:  
To his Honor, the Mayor, and City Council of the city of Decatur:  
Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom were referred the bid for the grading, graveling, tilting and curbing of South Main street, would report that J. C. Chase & Co. are the lowest bidders on grading, graveling and wood curbing; John Giblin on tilting, J. A. Young the lowest on the stone curbing and stone crossing; and C. H. Fuller the lowest on stone gutters, and recommend that the contracts be so awarded. All of which is respectfully submitted.  
E. HANSEN, CHAIRMAN.  
K. HARWOOD.  
J. W. KUNYMAN.  
The following claims were approved and warrants ordered issued, viz: James A. Young, \$40.00; W. M. Barrett, \$9.75; same, \$133.60.  
Ald. Harwood offered the following resolution, which was referred to committee on sidewalks and crossings:  
Resolved, That the street supervisor be instructed to lay a six-foot walk on the north side of North street from Morgan street east to the walk near Calhoun street.  
On motion, the city attorney was instructed to draft contracts for the improvement of South Main street—the mayor and register to sign contracts with the parties contracting.  
On motion, the street supervisor was instructed to save all the brick possible in culvert on East Main street.  
On motion the council adjourned.  
Attest GEO. P. HANBY, Register.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**  
Mr. Wm. Shroll, of Warrensburg, was in town to-day and made the REPUBLICAN office a pleasant call. He reports a friendly embrace between Messrs. Sam Ritchie and J. J. Fook.  
Mother Goose Reception at Springfield.—A passenger coach will leave here on Tuesday next, at noon, for Springfield, to carry persons to that city to attend the "Mother Goose Reception" there on Tuesday evening, provided there are forty-eight persons to go, at one dollar each for the round trip.—The money must be deposited at Linn & Scruggs' store before Monday noon.—If forty-eight dollars are not deposited whatever may be left there will be refunded.  
A car will leave Springfield to return at 12 o'clock on the same night.  
Returned.—The three boys who started out from Decatur a few days ago to seek their fortunes, got as far as Springfield, where their money gave out, and as they had already seen enough of life away from home, they set their faces toward Decatur and made the entire distance on foot, arriving on Thursday night—one was penniless, another had fifty cents, and the other had enough to make the aggregate of their assets—one dollar and forty cents.  
..We are in receipt of a business letter from Mr. Geo. W. Waggoner, formerly of this city, now of Independence, Kansas, in which he says that the corn and wheat crops are excellent in that region. He is about to remove to Liberty, Montgomery county.  
..Mr. W. C. Bird showed at our office last evening a radish raised in the garden of Chas. Marshall, which was in shape like a human hand and in size about like that of a two year old child.  
**EVELASTING PERFUME.**  
MURRAY & LANHAM'S FLORIDA WATER has often been styled the "Evelasting Perfume." It is indeed true that its delightful and refreshing fragrance lingers for many days around whatever it touches—unlike the ordinary perfumes, that leave no trace of their momentary existence save the sickly, heavy odor of rancid oils. Buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanham & Co., New York.  
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**Packet Books,** of every description, at "Our Drug Store," cheaper than ever.

**Attention, Boys!**—Meeting Saturday evening, July 21st, at 7 o'clock, prompt, at my Hall.  
July 20 d2  
A. GOODMAN.

**Everything for the Sewing Machine,** at the Singer Office.  
June 6-d&w3m

**Think for Yourself.**  
Thousands lead miserable lives, suffering from dyspepsia, a disordered stomach and liver, producing biliousness, heartburn, constiveness, weakness, irregular appetite, low spirits, raising food after eating, and often ending in fatal attacks of fever. They know they are sick, yet get little sympathy. The unfailing remedy, which is yearly restoring thousands is DeCatur's Radical Cure. Sold by A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ills.  
A 25c bottle will convince you after reading this, but get a bottle, and your relief is as certain as you live. Will you do it or will you continue to suffer Think for yourself.  
Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup is perfectly safe and extremely palatable. No physic required. Costs 25 cents. Try it.  
July 1 d&wlm

**For Kansas.**—There will be an excursion over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, leaving Decatur August 8th. For particulars enquire of T. Bivans, over the post office, Decatur, Ill.  
[July 20-d&wtd]

**Special Notice.**—Persons wishing to see Prof. Gruell on business can leave word at Post's Jewelry Store, and he wishes it distinctly understood that he has no business relations with other parties, and that no one is authorized to make contracts for him.  
July 20 ddd

**Dr. Ah Foon** will give a Chinese Exhibition, in Macon Hall, Friday and Saturday evenings, July 20th, and 21st. Admission, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. Matinee on Saturday, at 2 p. m. Remember the day, and don't forget it.  
July 17-d&td

**The "Raceme" Napkin-holder** is one of the nobby inventions of the age, and is coming into general use. Alex. F. Jonsson sells them at his Jewelry Store, next door east of Millikin & Co.'s Bank. Price only 25 cents. Call and get one.  
July 18-dw

**Wanted.**—A few day boarders, at the corner of West Main and Church Sts.  
MR. B. R. VAN HOUTEN.  
July 17-dw

**Everybody Goes to MILLER'S Restaurant.**  
jun3-dw

**BEWARE OF IMITATION!**  
Some parties here are palming off rebuilt and imitation machines for new and genuine Singers. Look out for them. I have exclusive control of Macon county for the genuine Singer Sewing Machines. Please bear this in mind.  
Geo. P. Blum, 26 Merchant-St.  
June 6-d&w3m

**The very best Sewing Machine** Caster for \$2.00, at the Singer Office.  
June 6-d&w3m

**The Cheapest Hamburg Embroideries yet offered,** just received by Linn & Scruggs.  
March 10 d&wtd

**Go to E. B. Pratt's,** 37 North Church street, for your groceries, glass and queensware.  
[ap30-d&w3m]

**Mosquito Covers,** for beds, all styles and prices, at ASHBY'S.  
July 13-d&w3m

**For Rent.**—A good story and a half house, on North Water street, with seven rooms and summer kitchen. Apply at this office.  
[June 8 dtd]

**Buttons for the Ladies,** Fine Horses, perfectly safe, at Caldwell Bros.' Eclipse Stables.  
[May 29 dtd]

**Dry Goods and Millinery** will be closed out at Great Bargains, in order to make arrangements for Fall Trade, at THOS. A. GUTHMANN'S.  
July 14 d&w

**Good Driving Horses,** perfectly safe for the ladies, with two of the finest plattens in the State, at Caldwell Bros.' Eclipse Stables.  
[May 29 dtd]

**Patents procured by L. P. Graham,** at 38 West Wood street.  
[July 31 dty]

**Leave Orders at Wood's for Ice Cream.** He uses nothing but pure cream.  
July 10-dtd

**Mme. Demore's Spring and Summer Patterns** just received at Linn & Scruggs'. Call for catalogue.  
March 15 dt

**DECATUR MARKET REPORT.**  
Consumers will be glad to know that flour has declined somewhat, the best white wheat selling at \$4.50 per hundred, and red wheat at \$4.00. Below will be found the ruling prices in Decatur for to-day:  
DECATUR, July 21, 1877.

**RETAIL.**

Lard, per pound	10
Hams	13 1/2
Shoulder	10
Potatoes, per bushel	10
Onions, per peck	30
Apples	40
Blackberries, per bushel	15
Green peas, " "	40
Siling beans " "	25
Broad corn, per bushel	10
New corn, " "	10
Cucumbers, per dozen	15
Radishes	10
Turnips, per peck	20
Tomatoes, per dozen	25
Cloves, each	30
Onions, per bushel	10 1/2
Older, per peck	10
Vinegar, " "	10
Butter, packed, per pound	20
" fresh	15
FLOUR—white wheat, " hundred	1 1/2
" red	4 00
" superdual	2 50
" middling	1 00
CORN MEAL—" " hundred	50
RYE—" " hundred	40 00
CORN—" " hundred	40 00
HAY—Timothy, " ton	8 00
GRASS—" " ton	3 00

**WHOLESALE.**

WHEAT—Best white, per bushel	1 1/2
" red	1 00
CORN—per bushel	10
Onions—per bushel	30
EGGS—per doz	10 1/2
LARD—" "	10
BACON—" "	15
HAMS—" "	15
MOULDERS—per doz	8 00
EGGS—per doz	10 1/2
POTATOES—per bushel	10
PEACHES—per bushel	50

**M. GOLDBURG**  
**NO 8,**  
**Merchant Street,**  
(OLD SQUARE)  
Decatur, : : Illinois,  
Is receiving almost daily, from the Largest Importing House in New York,  
**Berlin Zephyrs!**  
**CANVAS.**  
**PERFORATED CARD-BOARDS,**  
**PATTERNS,**  
And everything in the line of  
**Crochetting and Embroidering,**  
By which he is enabled to keep the best assorted stock in that line; also,  
**Germantown Wool**  
**and Burlap Canvas.**  
In addition to the above, he keeps the best assortment of  
**CORSETS**  
Mrs. Moody's Abdominal Corset, the Mayor and register to sign contracts with the parties contracting.  
FRENCH & DOMESTIC CORSETS  
which are sold very cheap.  
**FANCY GOODS,**  
**NOTIONS,**  
**Ladies' White Underwear**  
**LINEN DRESSES,**  
All of which is sold cheaper than any lady can buy the material for. A good stock of  
**HOSIERY & GLOVES**  
A fine stock of  
**Fans, Parasols,**  
**JEWELRY,**  
and everything in his line of goods is sold at the lowest prices.  
**Panniers and Bustles.**  
A Large Stock on hand and made to order.  
GIVE HIM A CALL AT  
**No. 8 Merchant Street.**  
**M. GOLDBURG.**  
May 22, 1877-d3mms

**AT COST!**  
**We Will Close Out**  
**Our Entire Stock of**  
**LADIES' LINEN SUITS**  
—AND—  
**OVERSKIRTS AND BASQUES,**  
**AT COST.**  
**LINN & SCRUGGS**  
Decatur, July 14, 1877-d&wtd

**L. L. FERRISS**  
Is Exclusive Agent in Decatur for the following Celebrated Brands of  
**BOOTS AND SHOES!**  
Bart's Gent's and Ladies' fine Boots and Shoes, New York City.  
Reed & Weaver's Ladies' and Misses' Shoes and Slippers, Rochester, N. Y.  
J. H. & P. Byron's Gents, Ladies' and Misses' fine Shoes, Rochester, N. Y.  
Gray Bros.' Gents, Ladies' and Misses' fine Shoes, Syracuse, N. Y.  
Thomas Peary & Sons' Misses' and Children's Shoes, Albany, " "  
P. Cox's Boys' and Youth's Shoes, Rochester, N. Y.  
Samuel Dunbar's Boys, Youth's and Children's Shoes, Philadelphia, Pa.  
H. & J. M. Walker's Boots, Worcester, Mass.  
L. Falley & Co.'s " Lafayette, Ind.  
M. Selz & Co.'s " Chicago.  
Fifty other makes of cheaper grades.  
**LUTHER L. FERRISS,**  
(SUCCESSOR TO POWERS, FERRISS & CO.)  
At the Old Stand, No. 18 East Main St.  
July 18, 1877-d&wtd

**J. H. LEWIS & CO.**  
—ARE OFFERING  
**French, China, Tea & Dinner Sets**  
**At Less Prices than Ever.**  
**Decorated Dinner and Tea Sets in**  
**Parisian Porcelain; very desirable**  
**goods at reasonable prices.**  
**Several new and handsome patterns**  
**of Dinner and Tea Ware, in iron stone**  
**china.**  
**The largest stock of Croquet in the**  
**city at prices low enough to please al-**  
**most any one.**  
**Also, Parisian Porcelain Ware in**  
**white, either in full or partial sets.**  
**FOR RENT.**  
A fine front room, suitable for office or sleeping purposes, directly over our store and overlooking the Park.  
**FOR SALE.**  
No. 1 BLACK WALNUT OFFICE DESK, with seven drawers and place for books. In first-class order.  
**J. H. LEWIS & CO.,**  
**Opera House Block.**  
Decatur, July 11, 1877-dtd

**OLD-FASHIONED**  
Square bar Soap is the most economical to use. Drawing and wringing are of no possible benefit to soap, but are done to make it look attractive and salable. *Procter & Gamble's Original Washing Green Soap* is made of *Real Oil*, the best material known for producing a hard, serviceable and effective Soap. It is cut in one-pound bars, of convenient and economical shape, and not wrapped. The style in which this Soap is cut and packed serves all useful purposes, enabling us to sell a superior Soap at much less per pound than you are now paying for an inferior article. Every bar of the genuine stamped "PROCTER & GAMBLE—NOTED URMAN." Take no other. Sold every where.

**Hams, Shoulders, Bacon,** pickled pork, canned and dried beef, by the pound or slice, at 37 North Church-st.  
April 30-d&w3m E. B. PHARR.

**The Handomest and Cheapest**  
**BLACK SILKS**  
ever opened in Decatur, at  
April 7-dtd Linn & Scruggs'.

**A Large Lot of new prints,** at 6¢ cents, at Linn & Scruggs'.  
Dec 12 d&wtd

**S. Blatkin** is offering his Dress Goods at astonishingly low prices.  
July 10-dw

**The Patent Comfort Corsets** for ladies and children, Bortrees' Adjustable Duplex Corset, Madam Fay's Skirt Supporter Corsets, Moody's Abdominal Corsets, Glove Fitting Corsets, the Hundred Bone Corsets, for misses and young ladies, together with the largest and best assortment of French corsets in the city, very cheap at  
Linn & Scruggs

**BOTTLED BEER**  
**AND ALE**  
**For Private Families.**  
THE undersigned would respectfully inform his patrons and the public that he has enlarged his bottling works, and is now prepared to furnish and deliver to private families in any part of the city the following bottled goods at the lowest market price:  
Best Lager Beer, in pint and quart bottles, and quarts.  
Best Milwaukee Export Beer, in pints and quarts.  
Best Cleveland Champagne Ale, in pints and quarts.  
Best XXX Toledo Porter, in quarts.  
Best Ohio Rectified (older pure) in quarts.  
Best Soda and seltzer's Water always on hand.  
**Fountain Charging a Specialty.**  
Orders by mail from the city or country promptly attended to.  
**FRED. KUNY, Prop'r**  
Decatur Bottling Works, Corner Jackson and East Main streets.  
P. O. Box 422.  
July 14-d&w3m

**W. W. R. SMITH, Agent**  
**Kansas Pacific Railway Lands**  
**SKIN-MONTHLY EXCURSIONS**  
TO KANHAM AND COLORADO.  
Yarns on six and eleven years' credit. Send your address and receive in return the "Kansas Pacific Homestead." Office after Armstrong's Drug Store, Decatur, Ill., June 6-d&wtd

**\$3 WATCHES.** Cheapest in the known world. Single watch and gold free in silver. For terms address COT. 1713 & Co. Chicago.



